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TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTOMATICALLY ORDERING SUPPLIES WHICH ARE CONSUMED DURING USAGE OF A DEVICE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,949,467

AB United States Patent No. 5,821,975

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AB correspond to German OS 195 49 376, which was identified and discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present specification. Since these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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